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Pastor: Very Rev. Christopher Lankford, KHS
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Alex Lorang

MASS TIMES

Mondays
5:30 pm

Tuesdays
8:15 am

Wednesdays
5:30 pm

Thursdays
8:15 am

Fridays
12:00 pm

Saturdays
5:00 pm

Sundays
7:30 am
9:30 am
11:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays
3:30-4:30 pm Church

ADORATION

Thursdays Following
8:15 am Mass
& Rosary, to 8:00 pm
(Chapel)

Parish Offices Closed
12/22/2022 at Noon
through 1/1/23

Christ is Born



*For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.*

The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas, December 25, 2022

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

I'm so excited to celebrate this day with all of you! For today, the Savior has been born!

On behalf of myself, Deacon Alex, Seminarian Sam, and our entire SJB staff and faculty I do truly wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, and I pray that today and the following octave days are truly a blessing for each of you!

On a day where we typically give gifts to one another, I just wish to express my gratitude for the gift that all of you are to me. As your pastor, I'm honored to serve you and be your priest. You have all trusted me with the care of our parish for the past two and a half years, and I'm so grateful to call St. John's my home. Your generosity, community, and love of St. John's is amazing, and I'm so thankful to be a part of that.

May our Lady wrap her mantle of love, care, and protection around us, and assist in leading all our souls to Heaven!

In Christ,
Fr. Chris



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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve (Christmas Vigils), Saturday,
December 24, 2022

(No Confessions)

3:00 pm-Church

5:00 pm-Church

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, 2022

12:00 am Midnight

7:30 am

9:30 am

11:30 am

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, The
Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

Saturday, December 31, 2022,

Vigil, Solemnity of Mary

5:00 pm

Sunday, January 1, 2023, Solemnity of Mary

7:30 am

9:30 am

11:30 am



RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION TIMES THROUGH END OF YEAR

Friday, December 23, 2022

After 12:00 pm Mass-until 2:00 pm

(No confessions on Saturday, Christmas Eve, 12/24)

Saturday, December 31, 2022

3:30 pm-4:30 pm

*Moonless darkness stands between. Past, the Past, no
more be seen! But the Bethlehem-star may lead me. To
the sight of Him Who freed me. From the self that I have
been. Make me pure, Lord: Thou art holy; Make me
meek, Lord: Thou wert lowly; Now beginning, and
always: Now begin, on Christmas day.*

Gerard Manley Hopkins

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory collections for the parish were
\$29,460 for the weekend of December 11,
2022. Thank you for your continued support
and prayers during these difficult times.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

As a reminder to our parishioners, all contributions
to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church must be
received at the parish office or be postmarked by
December 31 in order for those contributions to be
credited to you on your 2022 parish contribution
statement.

Contributions postmarked or received after January
1st will be credited to your 2023 statement. If you
have any questions or concerns, please contact me
at 630-668-0918, x604.

~Jim Nolan, Director of Finance, Operations &
Facilities



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Questions?
Contact Jim Nolan, 630-668-0918, ext. 604.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



**CATHOLICS
FOR LIFE**

"May the dignity of man according
to the Creator's plan be spread" - Pope St. John Paul II

Jesus comes to us today as a helpless baby, with
the gifts of his salvation, his peace, his hope, and
his love. That is how he lived his life with us,
teaching us peace, giving us hope, and showering
us with love. Today and always may we follow what
he taught us, by sharing it as best we can with
others.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy,
Healthy New Year.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS- NATIVITY SCENES

Featured here are some of the photos taken at the Build Your Own Nativity Scene activity which was offered on Saturday, November 10, in Sebahar Hall. This was to coincide with the parish's Nativity Crèche Exhibit in Sebahar Hall that weekend. Families were invited to build their crèche out of graham crackers and then place their nativity figures in their scene. Royal icing was used as the "glue" to hold the figures and candy in place. A crazy thing happened while building our scene. Some of the candy disappeared; coloration of the children's lips did not help reveal anything.



Sunday Morning Preschool-Service to Others

I bet you are thinking preschoolers are too young to participate in service to others. However, our Sunday Morning Preschoolers would prove us wrong and they are sharing their talents with their parish! Each month they make napkin rings for Young at Hearts, our "55 and better" senior luncheon attendees. This month they made napkin rings with a bit of a jingle bell and a few beads. Thank you, Sunday Morning Preschoolers for your time and talent!



Sunday Morning Preschool is for 3-5 year olds in Sebahar Hall at 9:30 am while Mass is going on in Church. We share stories, games, videos, and science experiments, all with the goal of teaching your little one(s) about God. In addition to class, we share enhancement materials with you via email immediately after each session. It is a way to extend the lesson through the week. The fee for the balance of the year will be \$40.

If you or someone you know would be interested in participating, please contact Jeanne Hess at sundaymorningpreschool@yahoo.com or cell 630-926-7864.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 24, Vigil, The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas (Eve)
3:00 p.m. † Fred Dusza (Maryann Dusza)

5:00 p.m. † Beth Hackett (Dan Conley)
† Don Dolin Jr. (Friend)
† Jim Lynch (Conley Family)

(Midnight Mass-see below)

Sunday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas

12:00 a.m., Midnight † ♥ Intention of the Priest

7:30 a.m. † Jeanne Ptak (Al Ptak & Family)

9:30 a.m. ♥ † The People of St. John's

11:30 a.m. † Joe Grabowski (Rita Grabowski)

Monday, December 26

5:30 p.m. † Ed Krysiak (Dan Conley)

Tuesday, December 27

8:15 a.m. † Doyle Family (Jack Aylward)

Wednesday, December 28

5:30 p.m. † Mary Della Scheuller (Nina Lavoie)

Thursday, December 29

8:15 a.m. † Fumiyo Sikorski

Friday, December 30

12:00 p.m. † Gloria & Stan Fortman (Patricia & Werner Welz)

† Bonnie Curby (Fran Hartigan)

† Fumiyo Sikorski (The Sikorski Family)

† Anthony Milder (Clement Milder Family)

† Alejandro Martinez (Dan Conley)

† Dr. Michael Hussey

Saturday, December 31, Vigil, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

5:00 p.m. † Bud Morey (Maryann Dusza)

† Jim Ford (Sharleen Kosusnik)

† Rosann Erdmann (The Schramm Family)

† Elaine Schweppe (Marianne & Jim Russell)

† Sheila Tomaszewski Milder (Clement Milder Family)

♥ Health & Intentions of the Santucci Family (Sean Conley)

Sunday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

7:30 a.m. ♥ † The People of St. John's

9:30 a.m. † Deacon Don Mathieu, Anniv of Death

11:30 a.m. † Jeanne Ptak (Al Ptak)

Mass Intentions: The donation for a Mass Intention is \$10; the 5:00 pm Sat. Vigil Mass and 12:00 pm Friday Mass are free-will donations. Please note: the 2023 Mass book is open.



Our Sanctuary Lamps

This week, our Sanctuary Lamps* burn in Memory of (†) /Honor of (♥):

CHAPEL † *The Rudolph Wilke Family* CHURCH † *Jeanne Ptak*

*If you would like to request a sanctuary lamp to burn in memory of/in honor of a loved one, please contact the parish office. The cost is five dollars per week.

KNIGHTS & MEN OF ST. JOHN:

Come pray the Rosary & stay for a get-together, St. John's Fire Pit, 7:00 pm Wednesday, January 4, 2023 Questions? Sean Conley, 630-835-8225

*please
pray for*



Louise Seigars

who passed away on December 6, 2022. Our sympathies are extended to her daughter, Karla Graham, and to all of her family & friends.

Jean Jeschke

who passed away on November 21, 2022.

Our sympathies are extended to all of her family & friends.

Please pray for our sick

Praying for our sick is one of the most important things we can do as a parish community. Please pray for the following people whose intentions were recently added:

Baby Luke Hougan
Madeleine Sobota
Susan Weber

The entire sick list is on our website, at www.stjohnwinfield.org.

If you or someone in your family is sick & would like to be included in this list or prayed for by our confidential Prayer Line, please contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

Please keep in your prayers our Deacon and Seminarian who are preparing for the Priesthood:

Rev. Mr. Alex Lorang
Seminarian Sam Bergmann

Please pray for all the Deacons and Seminarians who are studying in the Diocese of Joliet

Please pray for those who defend our nation, those who serve in Active Duty

Pvt James Luigi Akin	ABH2 Sean Phillips
SRA Francis Beifuss	Captain Colleen Rezabek
Major John Berg	Captain Kevin Rezabek
Sgt Melissa Brooker	Cpl Riley Santoyo
Pvt Timothy Conley	Sgt Ian Sarlitto
Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly	AN Michael Schieve
Major Daniel Durbin	2LT Allyson Serbick
LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.	PFC Keegan Serbick
Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas	A1C Seth Kelley
Pv2 Nicholas Gorman	Major Mike Smolucha
Sgt Pamela Gray	SPC Thomas Stanhope
Lt. Crystal Kotvan	AFSSgt Zachary Ushman
Sgt. David Lawless	Lt. Keith Wolfe
SrA Robert Lawless	WO1 Jake Miller
Lt. Colonel James Smolucha	
Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army	
Colonel Eric Hass, US Army	
Colonel Erica Haas, USAF	
Airman Nicholas Kostecka	
Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski	
Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao	
Captain Matthew Luff	
CMDCM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A. Newell	
A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez	
Lt. Col. Tony Eschliman	





Visit to St. John Vianney College Seminary (SJV)

*Thursday, February 16 – Saturday, February 18, 2023

FOR YOUNG MEN AGES 16 – 24

WHY VISIT THE SEMINARY?

- Meet current seminarians.
- Learn more about the life of a seminarian.
- Time for prayer and discernment.
- Attend classes and hear inspiring talks.
- Discern God's will for you.
- Meet other young men from Joliet discerning God's will in their lives.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Personal toiletries
- Dress clothes for Mass
- Gym clothes for open gym
- Bible, rosary, spiritual reading for Holy Hour
- Personal spending money

SEMINARY VISIT SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 16

9:00 AM Pick up group at Home Depot,
2000 Butterfield Rd., Downers Grove
4:00 PM Arrive at SJV Seminary, welcome
Mass, introductory talks

Friday, February 17

Holy Hour, Mass, Univ. of St. Thomas tour, talks,
meals, time with seminarians, attend classes

Saturday, February 18


9:00 AM Leave SJV Seminary
4:00 PM Arrive at pick up place

*For more information, call
Diocese of Joliet Vocation Office
at 815-221-6171

Join the Joliet Diocese on a
Pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal
WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023
July 29 – August 7, 2023

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July 25-29, 2023



AGE REQUIREMENTS: 18 - 39
(must be 18 by July 1, 2023)

For information or to make a reservation contact:
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Join Us For A 3-Day Retreat On The Universal Call To Holiness



Date: January 5 - 7, 2023

Who Is Invited: All married or single men
(Ages 18 - 40)

Cost: \$75.00 (5 Meals/Room/Materials.
Scholarships are available.)

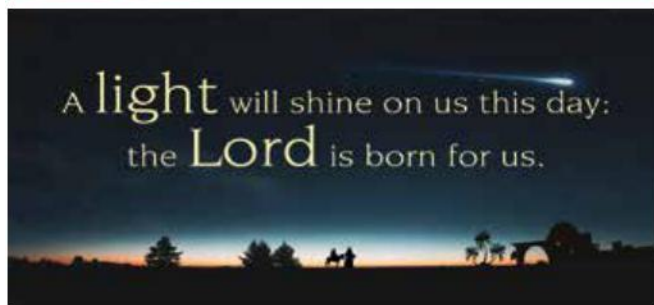
Where: Our Lady of the Angels Retreat Center
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Church: www.stjohnwinfield.org School: www.sjbwinfield.org
For information on joining St. John's, please see our website or call the parish office. Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Sebahar Hall, Thurs., January 12, 2023

Life Line Screening goes beyond regular check-ups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up. Get your special Community Circle pricing of \$149 for all four screenings: carotid artery disease, peripheral arterial disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm, and atrial fibrillation. Three ways to register & receive the special discount: Call toll-free: 1-800-679-5191; Online: LLSA.SOCIAL/HC; or, text the word circle to 216-279-1607. Getting screened is simple! Painless, non-invasive, keep your clothes on.

PRAYERS & SUPPORT FOR THE SICK & THOSE IN NEED

Having Surgery?

Give one of our priests a call PRIOR to your surgery, so that anointing can be given at a time when you are less stressed. Call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0, & set a time to come in BEFORE your surgery for anointing.

Hospital Visits

Our pastor is unable to make a hospital visit unless the situation is dire. To receive communion while in the hospital, please make the request to a hospital chaplain. Because of HIPAA laws, the hospital does not notify churches when parishioners are there. Please notify the St. John's parish office when a loved one is in the hospital so prayers can be offered, at 630-668-0918, ext. 0. We want to do our best to minister to all hospitalized.

Homebound

Parishioners who are homebound and wish to receive communion, please call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0, and we will pass your name to the coordinator for Homebound Ministry.

Grief Support Group

Our Grief Support Group offers emotional support for those grieving a loss - whether by death, divorce, or other significant event in their lives. Support is based on confidentiality, trust, and safety. The next Grief Support meeting will on Thursday, January 5, 2023. For more information, contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

Bulletin Articles

Interested in submitting a bulletin article? Email jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org and rosab@stjohnwinfield.org

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

For Baptisms, RCIA and Wedding information, please contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting:

AA is meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Sodonna Hall, the basement of the parish office.

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